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'Arafat Interviewed on U.S.-Israeli 'Plots'

JN011119 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0915 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] Paris, 1 Sep (INA) — PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat has said that all mediations to solve the PLO's differences have failed. He noted that Hafiz al-Asad refused to receive the mediation committee, which was formed by the PLO Central Committee, with the aim of foiling its mission.

In an interview with the magazine *Al-Watan Al-'Arabi* to be published tomorrow, 'Arafat added that those who stabbed and assassinated the Palestinian revolution and are seeking to contain and fragment it are now besieging the Palestinian revolution forces in the Al-Biqa' and striking at the nationalist strugglers in Tripoli. He indicated that what is happening in the Al-Biqa' is part of the major Zionist-U.S. plot to liquidate the Palestinian revolution, as well as a flagrant intervention aimed at achieving what the enemy has failed to achieve during the siege of Beirut.

In his interview, the PLO Executive Committee chairman noted the U.S. and Zionist satisfaction with the plot to control the Palestinian revolution, adding that the statements made by Begin, Shultz, and Sharon in this regard explain the size and all aspects of the plot. He also indicated that attempts are underway to subjugate the Palestinian revolution because the abovementioned sides want an alternative PLO with which they can dominate the independent Palestinian decisionmaking and subsequently control the Palestinian Arab people's future. He called for protecting and defending the Palestinian revolution in the wake of the current plots against the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. He stressed that the plot of dissidence and those behind it are part of the continuous chain of plots against the central Arab cause, Palestine. He added that just as the revolution has foiled the previous plots, it will foil the new ones.

In his interview, Yasir 'Arafat asked: Who occupied Fatah's center in Damascus and who confiscated the weapons sent to the Palestinian revolution in Syria? He then talked about the Libyan regime's conspiratorial role against the Palestinian question and Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi's anti-pan-Arab policy. He said: Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi cares for nothing. The Libyan radio, television, and press report battles as if they were waged by Libyan forces within the walls of occupied Jerusalem. I would like to tell Al-Qadhdhafi: Unfortunately you are waging battles against those who want to liberate Jerusalem. Addressing the Libyan regime's leader, 'Arafat added: Your forces are today fighting against us on the orders of the Syrian forces.

'Arafat warned the Arab leaders of the seriousness of this plot against the entire Arab nation, stressing the need to develop a unified Arab position in the face of the U.S.-Zionist plot, in which dissidence is a major part. 'Arafat recalled that Herzog, who was chosen as head of state in Israel, wrote in *The Jerusalem Post* during the siege of Beirut and the Al-Biqa': We must do our best to remain in southern Lebanon, and we do not mind if the Syrians remain in northern Lebanon.

'Arafat deduced from the role of the Syrian regime, the Zionist invasion of Lebanon, and the U.S. stands that there is a grave scheme aimed at partitioning Lebanon and splitting its territorial integrity and independence.

'Arafat Arrives in Geneva for UN Conference

JN011714 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1614 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar, PLO Executive Committee chairman and commander in chief of the Palestinian revolutionaryforces, arrived in Geneva today. An official Palestinian source said that Brother leader Abu 'Ammar will deliver a speech at the UN conference on the Palestine question currently being held in Geneva.

The source added that Brother Abu 'Ammar is expected to deliver his speech this evening. His speech will deal with the PLO's stand on issues submitted in the Palestinian arena, and with all current developments in the region.

Confers With Kuwaiti Official

LD012234 Kuwait Domestic Service in Arabic 2100 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Information Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir conferred in Geneva yesterday (1 September) with Chairman of the Executive Committee of the PLO Yasir 'Arafat.

During the meeting they discussed the current Arab developments and the issues which will be discussed at the UN Conference on Palestine which is currently in session in Geneva.

Faruq Qaddumi's Geneva Activities Reported

JN011752 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1614 GMT 1 Sept 83

[Text] Brother Abu al-Lutf [Faruq Qaddumi], head of the PLO Political Department and head of the Palestinian delegation to the UN Conference on Palestine currently being held in Geneva, has held several bilateral meetings outside the conference with the heads of the particiating delegations.

Brother Abu al-Lutf met with Marwan al-Qasim, the Jordanian foreign minister and head of Jordan's delegation. He also met with the Pakistani foreign minister and head of the Pakistani delegation to the conference, and with the PRC vice minister of foreign affairs and head of the PRC delegation.

Yesterday, Brother Abu al-Lutf met with the Greek minister of state for foreign affairs and head of Greece's delegation to the conference. Brother Abu al-Lutf discussed with these delegation heads topics pertaining to the draft resolutions submitted to the conference, and bilateral relations between the PLO and their countries.

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